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## Senegal

### TRADE REPORT - QUARTERLY IMPORTS

#### Rice Imports Third Quarter 2008

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**Report Highlights:**

Rice imports increased in the third quarter of 2008 to reach nearly 301,000 MT. Total imports increased by 30% compared to the previous quarter despite the export restrictions from Asian exporters and Argentina. Imports from Thailand were lower during this quarter but remained the highest. U.S. shipments accounted for 5% of total imports up from 2% during the previous quarter.

**Post:**

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**Commodities:**

Rice, Milled

**Executive Summary:**

Rice imports have increased by nearly 30% during the third quarter of 2008 compared to the second quarter, from 232,834 tons to 301,000 tons. This is once again the result of the active response from the private importers despite restrictions from major Asia export countries. During this period, the Government of Senegal continued to control prices of imported rice after waiving import customs and VAT taxes and subsidizing rice consumption. By the end of the third quarter, the GOS suspended the subsidy program because of lack of funds and in early September 2008, import duties on rice were reestablished.

This quarter's increase was driven by a nearly 50% increase in shipments from Vietnam, Pakistan, Uruguay, Brazil and the United States. Shipments from Thailand declined by 8% and imports from India were stable at around 10,000 tons. However, Thailand is still the leading rice exporter to Senegal, with 43% of the total imports; the second group of major exporters includes Brazil, Uruguay, Vietnam, Pakistan and Burma. Egypt and Argentina shipments continue to decline as the result of export restrictions in those countries.

Broken rice still accounts for most of the shipments to Senegal. Broken rice makes up 82% of this quarter's imports. The reminding grades are essentially whole or semi-milled in more than 5 kg bags (usually 50 kg bags).

Imports from the U.S. were 15,000 tons this quarter up by 165% compared to the previous quarter, and included 7,100 tons of semi or whole milled rice, and 7,900 tons of broken rice.

**1 USD = CFA 510 on March 13, 2009**

**Imports Data by Origins and Grades – July – September 2008**

<b>Export Country</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Value U.S. \$</b>	<b>Quantity Tons</b>
	<b>Paddy Rice</b>	1,032	0.3
FRANCE		1,032	0
	<b>Semi or Whole milled in +5Kg bags</b>	<b>35,383,720</b>	<b>53,098</b>
FRANCE		3,579	2
UNITED STATES		4,624,226	7,183
SURINAME		20,509	25
BRAZIL		6,462,978	10,373
URUGUAY		8,846,554	12,911
U.A.E		754,466	952
BURMA		11,387,099	16,924
THAILAND		342,628	410
VIETNAM		2,941,595	4,320
PHILIPPINES		86	0

	<b>Semi or Whole milled in 5Kg bags or less</b>	<b>121,507</b>	<b>105</b>
FRANCE		22,424	7
THAILAND		99,083	98
	<b>Broken Rice</b>	<b>152,701,521</b>	<b>247,793</b>
EGYPT		1,806,619	3,500
UNITED STATES		5,312,323	7,981
BRAZIL		24,508,252	37,729
PARAGUAY		623,199	1,000
URUGUAY		11,341,151	17,172
ARGENTINA		1,333,718	1,998
LEBANON		78	0
QATAR		102	0
U.A.E		131,393	277
PAKISTAN		13,264,081	21,061
INDIA		2,964,181	9,349
THAILAND		80,840,425	130,255
VIETNAM		10,575,998	17,471
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>188,207,780</b>	<b>300,996</b>

#### Ranking by % Market Share

<b>ORIGINS</b>	<b>Total Imports (Tons)</b>	<b>% Share</b>
Thailand	130,762	43
Vietnam	21,790	7
Uruguay	30,082	10
Brazil	48,102	16
India	9,349	3
Argentina	1,998	0.6
United States	15,164	5
Pakistan	21,061	7
Egypt	3,500	1
Burma	16,924	6
Paraguay	1,000	0.3